

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

December 29, 2009 to January 22, 2010

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/Department of the Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Navy submitted a federal consistency determination (FCD) to replace part of a concrete and granite stabilization structure on the south section of the Craney Island Fuel Terminal in Portsmouth. Part of the project was completed in 2005. This FCD describes the potential environmental impacts from installing 900 feet of riprap armoring along the shoreline for erosion control. There will be more than 1,800 square feet of impacts to vegetated tidal wetlands and 275 square feet of impacts to non-vegetated wetlands as a result of the project. The FCD finds the proposed project to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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